$\P78.29$ ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 38: Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. McIntyre, and Mr. Andrews.

H.R. 65: Mr. TALENT and Mr. SCHUMER.

H.R. 66: Mr. BONO and Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 76: Mr. OBERSTAR.

H.R. 107: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 176: Mr. SAWYER.

H.R. 303: Mr. REYES and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 404: Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ROYBAL-AL-LARD, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. DOOLEY of California.

H.R. 409: Mr. EVERETT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. UPTON, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BONO, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MINGE, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mrs. NORTHRUP, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. NEUMANN.

H.R. 611: Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 695: Mr. MILLER of California and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 715: Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 836: Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. SNYDER.

872: Ms. Christian-Green, COOKSEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Rogan, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 952: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WAX-MAN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ACK-ERMAN, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 964: Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 977: Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. McNulty.

H.R. 983: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 988: Mrs. Myrick and Mr. Vento.

H.R. 991: Mr. GILMAN.

H.R. 1010: Mr. Klug, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 1060: Mr. Bass, Mr. Hefley, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kildee, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 1062: Mr. HERGER and Mr. BALLENGER.

H.R. 1114: Mr. SISISKY.

H.R. 1151: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CAPPS, and Mr. HORN.

H.R. 1165: Mr. MILLER of California and Mr. KIND of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1260: Mr. FORD.

H.R. 1270: Mrs. Chenoweth, Mr. Pitts, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. SHAW, Mr. LEACH, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. Traficant, and Mr. Bateman,

H.R. 1353: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1373: Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 1398: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington. H.R. 1415: Mr. QUINN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HOLDEN, and Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 1426: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. Rush.

H.R. 1437: Mr. McNulty, Mr. English of Pennsylvania, and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1438: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey

H.R. 1480: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H.R. 1507: Mr. JACKSON, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. MATSUI, and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 1534: Mr. PAXON, Mr. BRADY, Mr. COL-LINS, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. JEN-KINS, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. BOEHNER.

H.R. 1578: Mr. WYNN, Mr. SCOTT and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 1579: Mr. WYNN, Mr. SCOTT and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H.R. 1580: Mr. Flake, Mr. Houghton, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FORBES, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 1609: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island and Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 1614: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 1619: Mr. CRAPO and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 1679: Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H.R. 1715: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 1716: Ms. MILLENDER-McDonald.

H.R. 1763: Mr. BOUCHER.

H.R. 1766: Mr. Gejdenson, Mr. Brown of California, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. BOYD.

H.R. 1773: Mr. HALL of Texas and Ms. WOOL-

H.R. 1786: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. WOOL-SEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 1799: Mr. HOLDEN. H.R. 1864: Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 1909: Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. RYUN, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LINDER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. BRYANT.

H.R. 1946: Mr. MASCARA.

H.R. 1972: Ms. DUNN of Washington and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

H.R. 1984: Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. SISISKY, and Mr. Снавот.

H.R. 1993: Mr. EVANS. H.R. 2122: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

H.R. 2140: Mr. FLAKE and Mr. CUMMINGS. H.J. Res. 71: Mr. SHERMAN and Mr. COLLINS.

H. Con. Res. 37: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SOL-OMON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. METCALF, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. FLAKE.

H. Con. Res. 71: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. MAN-TON, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H. Con. Res. 107: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hobson, and Mr. GILLMOR.

H. Con. Res. 109: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. WAX-MAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. BAR-RETT of Nebraska, Mr. SABO, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H. Res. 26: Mr. VENTO, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Ms. WOOLSEY.

H. Res. 37: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.

H. Res. 139: Mr. ROYCE.

H. Res. 182: Mr. Moakley, Mr. Payne, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. OLVER, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Lipin-SKI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Delahunt, and Mr. HOLDEN.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1997 (79)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶79.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, July 11, 1997.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶79.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

4185. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the report of all expenditures during the period October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 162b; to the Committee on Appropriations.

4186. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); to the Committee on National Security.

4187. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule-Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Salt Lake and Davis Counties Ozone Redesignation to Attainment, Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes, Approval of Related Elements, Approval of Partial NOx RACT Exemption, and Approval of Weber County I/ M Program [UT15-1-6775, UT12-2-6728, UT16-1-6776; FRL-5856-8] received July 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4188. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-ting the Agency's report entitled "Deposition of Air Pollutants to the Great Waters''. to the Committee on Commerce.

4189. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule-Revision to Amend Part 32, Uniform System of Accounts for Class A and Class B Telephone Companies to Raise the Expense from \$500 to \$750 [CC Docket No. 95-60] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.
4190. A letter from the Director, Defense

Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–24), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4191. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Botswana (Transmittal No. DTC-82-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4192. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC-54-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

4193. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-85-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations

4194. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DTC-62-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

4195. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Canada (Transmittal No. DTC-63-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

4196. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter notifying Congress that on July 10, 1997, a Joint Task Force of approximately 550 U.S.

military personnel from the U.S. Pacific Command began deploying to establish an intermediate staging base at Utapao Air Base, Thailand for possible emergency noncombatant evacuation operations in Cambodia; (H. Doc. No. 105—104); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

4197. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Official, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Domestic Distribution of United States Information Agency Materials in the Custody of the National Archives (RIN: 3095–AA55) received June 25, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4198. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, United States Information Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Exchange Visitor Program [22 CFR Part 514] received June 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

4199. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-99, "Washington Convention Center Authority Collective Bargaining Amendment Act of 1997" received July 11, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4200. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-98, "General Public Assistance Program Termination Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received July 11, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4201. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-95, "Ivy City Yard Fixed Right-of-Way Mass Transit System Designation Act of 1997" received July 11, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4202. A letter from the Acting Chairman,

4202. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-97, "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Safety Regulation Act of 1997" received July 11, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4203. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12–100, "Business Improvement Districts Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received July 11, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4204. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's draft 1997 strategic plan as required by Public Law 103-62; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4205. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements and Shortraker/Rougheye Rockfish in the Aleutian Islands Subarea [Docket No. 961107312-7021-02; I.D. 070397E] received July 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4206. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries (FMP): Recreational Measures for the

1997 Summer Flounder Fishery [Docket No. 970318057-7158-02; I.D. 022097C] (RIN: 0648-AJ42) received July 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources

4207. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Collection of Past-Due Support by Administrative Offset (Financial Management Service) (RIN: 1510–AA58) received July 1, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4208. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Visas: Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act; Validity of Immigrant Visas (Bureau of Consular Affairs) [22 CFR Part 42] received May 15, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4209. A letter from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to direct the Commissioner of Social Security to institute a ticket system and advocacy program designed to facilitate opportunities to work for Americans with disabilities who would otherwise remain dependent upon disability benefits payable under the Social Security or Supplemental Security Income program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶79.3 RECESS—3:25 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

¶79.4 AFTER RECESS—8 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LIN-DER, called the House to order.

¶79.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2158

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-180) the resolution (H. Res. 184) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶79.6 SUBPOENA

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LIN-DER, laid before the House the following communication from Ms. Patricia Ann Schapp, staff of the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, July 14, 1997. Hon. NEWT GINGRICH.

Speaker of the House,

*Ü.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA A. SCHAAP.

And then,

¶79.7 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, pursuant to the special order agreed to on July 11, 1997, at 8 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 1997.

¶79.8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CALLAHAN: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2159. A bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105–176). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 1853. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act; with an amendment (Rept. No. 105–177). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SKEEN: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2160. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105–178). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 765. A bill to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore (Rept. No. 105–179). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 184. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105–180). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶79.9 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

152. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Tennessee, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 41 memorializing the U.S. Congress to amend the United States Constitution to remove Federal Judges for "dereliction of duty" as well as high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

153. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 requesting that the President, the Congress, and the Secretary of Defense of the United States research the causes and symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome and provide adequate funding for care of veterans suffering from it; jointly to the Committees on National Security and Veterans' Affairs.

¶79.10 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 8: Mr. DREIER.

H.R. 12: Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. WAXMAN.

H.R. 23: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 165: Mr. DEFAZIO.

H.R. 337: Mr. NADLER and Mr. LAMPSON.

H.R. 339: Mr. Bono.

H.R. 561: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 612: Mr. CLYBURN and Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 630: Ms. Woolsey.

H.R. 727: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 1126: Mr. SAXTON.

H.R. 1175: Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

H.R. 1349: Mr. WAXMAN.

 $H.R.\ 1698;\ Mr.\ RUSH,\ Mr.\ LEWIS of Georgia, Mr.\ TOWNS, and Mr.\ FROST.$

 $H.R.\ 1719;\ Mr.\ METCALF$ and Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1749: Mr. Bonior, Mr. Foglietta, and Ms. Woolsey.

H.R. 1770: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 1782: Mr. OLVER and Mr. STARK. H.R. 1855: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr.

H.R. 1855: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr MARKEY.

H.R. 1970: Mr. OWENS.

 $H.R.\ 2004;\ Ms.\ DEGETTE,\ Mr.\ LIPINSKI,\ and\ Mr.\ FALEOMAVAEGA.$

 $\mbox{H.R.}$ 2020: Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Young of Alaska.

H.R. 2029: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

H.R. 2094: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 2121: Mr. STARK

 $\mbox{H.}$ Con. Res. 55: Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Stark, and Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1997 (80)

¶80.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 15, 1997.

NEWT GINGRICH,

 $Speaker\ of\ the\ House\ of\ Representatives.$

$\P 80.2$ Message from the senate

A message from the Senate from Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

 $H.R.\ 2018.$ An Act to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, N.Y.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1119. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 1119) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Depart-

ment of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, MCCAIN, Mr. COATS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. Robb. Mr. LIEBERMAN, and CLELAND, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 231. An Act to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes;

S. 423. An Act to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason;

S. 669. An Act to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site;

S. 731. An Act to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, and for other purposes; and

S. 936. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-18, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education:

Robert V. Burns, of South Dakota; and

Clare M. Cotton, of Massachusetts.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-18, the Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education:

William D. Hansen, of Virginia; Frances M. Norris, of Virginia; and William E. Troutt, of Tennessee.

¶80.3 "MORNING-HOUR DEBATE"

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, January 21, 1997, recognized Members for "morning-hour debate".

¶80.4 RECESS—11:11 A.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HEFLEY, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 11 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m., until 12 o'clock noon.

\$180.5\$ AFTER RECESS—12 NOON

The SPEAKER called the House to order.

$\P 80.6$ APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, July 14, 1997.

Mr. BALLENGER, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. BALLENGER objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶80.7 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

4210. A letter from the the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of July 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 105—105); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4211. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers [Docket No. 91F-0324] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4212. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

4213. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Remittance of Industrial Funding Fee in U.S. Dollars Under Federal Supply Schedules Program [APD 2800-12A, CHGE 75] (RIN: 3090-AG30) received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4214. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Adjustments to the 1997 State Quotas; Commercial Quota Harvested for North Carolina [Docket No. 961210346-7035-02; I.D. 070397G] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4215. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Oregon Sport Fishery [Docket No. 961217359-7050-02; I.D. 070397C] received July 14, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4216. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Exemption of Notice Filing Requirements for Agricultural Cooperative Associations which Conduct Compensated Transportation Operations for